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## 11<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossom Festival



**Celebrate Spring at the 11th Annual Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th.**

The Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival is celebrating its 11th year as Western New York's premier springtime celebration on April 27th and 28th. The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, The Buffalo History Museum, Friends of the Japanese Garden, the Buffalo AKG Art Museum, and Music is Art will once again partner to host a celebration of the spring season and cherry blossoms



in the Japanese Garden in Delaware Park. The festival features exhibits and events that celebrate the long-standing ties between Buffalo and its sister city, Kanazawa, Japan, which has helped maintain the city's Japanese Garden through the decades. Strolling through the garden along the lake to see the blossoms has become a rite of spring in Buffalo.



Dozens of cherry blossom trees bloom directly behind The Buffalo History Museum in the Japanese Garden, creating one of the most iconic scenic vistas in Western New York and the perfect backdrop for a spring festival. The festival has grown exponentially since first debuting in 2014, now attracting thousands of visitors each year and solidifying Buffalo's reputation as a top city to visit.

## YMCA Bring Mental Health Resources To East Buffalo

YMCA Buffalo Niagara and Child and Family Services have partnered to provide critical mental health services to City of Buffalo residents, with C+FS opening a new office inside the William-Emslie YMCA in East Buffalo. Counselors there will focus on helping members of the local community solve personal, family, and work-related challenges including trauma, depression, anxiety, stress management, and school difficulties.



for many years, and with the addition of counseling at the William-Emslie YMCA it's even more of a one-stop shop."

The office opens on Wednesday, April 17 and is located in the William-Emslie YMCA at 585 William Street in Buffalo. Counseling sessions are 30-45 minutes and by appointment only. Services are available to all in the Western New York community. For more information, please visit the C+FS website [cfsbny.org/counseling](http://cfsbny.org/counseling) or call 716-842-2750.

"Our mission is to help people live their lives to the fullest potential," said Nicole Holloway, Director of Clinical Services for C+FS. "This partnership is a perfect match for Western New York. The YMCA has been a pillar of the community

Locally founded in 1852, YMCA Buffalo Niagara is a charitable, community based organization committed to providing programs designed to build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

## April Is National "Donate Life" Month

Each year during the month of April, my office is pleased to join Donate Life New York State (NYS) in celebrating National Donate Life Month, in an effort to raise awareness of the lifesaving impact of organ, eye and tissue donation and honoring those who have saved lives through the gift of donation. By providing the opportunity for our customers to enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry, our local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices are they key to saving and healing the lives of thousands of New Yorkers in need of a transplant. The Gift of Life

comes in many different forms through many different stories, personalities, lives and backgrounds.

Just one person who donates organs (hearts, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and intestines) can save up to eight lives, while a tissue or eye donor (corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons, veins, etc.) can improve more than 75 lives by restoring eyesight, helping fight infections in burn patients and preventing the loss of mobility and disability.

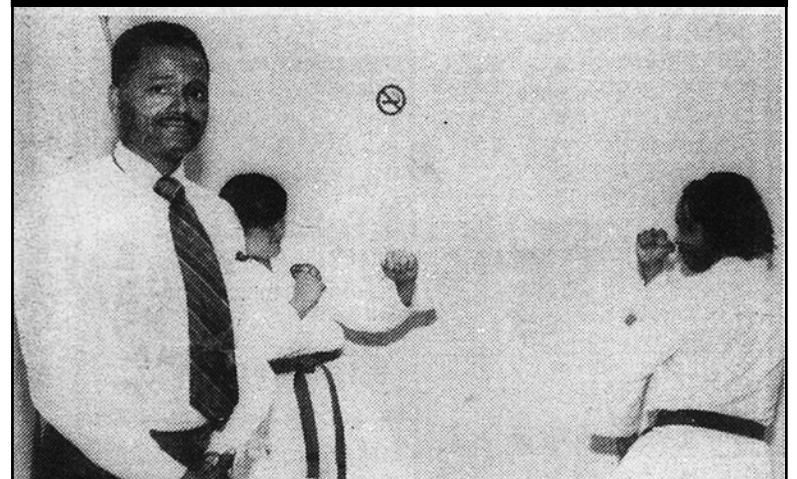
As you read this, over 8,100 New Yorkers are waiting for a life-saving transplant, including close

to 800 people here in Western New York. The need is overwhelming, as thousands more are waiting for life-enhancing tissue and eye donations.

We are very proud that our Erie County Auto Bureau plays a significant role in saving lives through the NYS Donate Life Registry. I am pleased to report since 2017, over 200,000 Erie County motorists enrolled in the Donate Life Registry at their local Auto Bureau. Erie County has also surpassed the statewide statistic by registering 61.2% of eligible customers who have checked

## Memories

*From the Buffalo Rocket archives*



**June, 1992. BARKLEY'S TAEKWON-DO...Instructor Fred Barkley Jr. at his West Side studio with green belt Kevin Smith, left, sparring in background with red belt, Mitch Meadows, right.**

## Local Weather

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH



Cloudy  
High 55°  
Low 47°

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH



Showers  
High 59°  
Low 42°

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH



Partly Cloudy  
High 49°  
Low 35°

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST



Showers  
High 48°  
Low 37°

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND



Mostly Sunny  
High 57°  
Low 42°

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD



Cloudy  
High 61°  
Low 45°

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH



Partly Cloudy  
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Low 36°

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**Stefan Mychajliw**  
 Guest Columnist

### Fake News Travels Fast

One of Buffalo's most famous residents famously said "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes." Those words uttered by Mark Twain ring just as true today as they did many generations ago.

This is especially the case on social media, where for the most part there are zero checks and balances to separate fact and fiction.

A left wing, biased reporter from a local TV station rhymes with WIBB) lied on social media and said I lived in three different towns and cities over the past three years. This is preposterous and 100% false.

Having worked on Presidential campaigns and now being a part of national political races across the country, I didn't think it was worth my time to punch down and even respond to the shared falsehood. As the saying goes, "a lion loses no sleep over the opinions of small sheep."

This is just one small example of biased media not even pretending to play it down the middle and pretending to be fact

based, partial journalists.

Look no further than the CEO of NPR, whose old tweets show she is a Joe Biden supporting Never Trumper who believes white people are racist.

Don't take my word for it. Here's a sampling of NPR CEO Katherine Maher's own tweets:

"Sure, looting is counterproductive. But it's hard to be mad about protests not prioritizing the private property of a system of oppression founded on treating people's ancestors as private property."

"White silence is complicity. If you are white, today is the day to start a conversation in your community."

MaHer then proudly

boasted of being a Joe Biden supporter in 2020 by posting a picture of her in a Biden hat stating: "The best part of AZ GOTV is my Biden grandpa hat"

For those of you keeping score at home, GOTV stands for "Get Out the Vote."

Keep in mind your tax dollars fund NPR. Do you think their leader can provide fair and balanced coverage of Donald Trump or Republicans knowing her vicious anti-GOP tweets?

Absolutely not. In addition to defunding NPR, folks should tune out fake news media that are supposed to inform in a fair and impartial manner.

Having worked in journalism for almost two decades, it is sad that local and national media have become the radical progressive propaganda arm for the Democratic Party.

Time to turn them all off folks. Stick to the Buffalo Rocket for informed news and enlightened, thought provoking opinions. That's the unvarnished truth. Take it to the bank.

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### 11th Cherry Blossom Festival

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This year, festival organizers have also scheduled two Japanese Tea Ceremonies and Tea Tastings at The Buffalo History Museum on Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 and 6:30 pm (now sold out). A portion of the proceeds from the \$15 admission ticket for these events will benefit the residents of Kanazawa, which suffered a devastating earthquake in January of this year. The fundraiser has already sold out, a testament to the strong bond between Buffa-

lo and Kanazawa.

Find out more about the festival below:

Festival Weekend  
 Saturday, April 27th  
 - Sunday, April 28th | 11:00am - 3:00pm

Japanese Garden in Delaware Park and The Buffalo History Museum

One Museum Court, Buffalo, NY 14216

FREE Admission

Celebrate inside The Buffalo History Museum and outside in the Japanese Garden with cultural displays and activities. Learn about bonsai, origami, folk

dolls, and Kanazawa, our sister city in Japan, at activity tables inside the Buffalo History Museum. Enjoy Music is Art's stages of live music in the Japanese Garden. Stroll in the garden, admire the blossoms and take a ride on the pink boats on Mirror Lake. Grab a bite to eat from a variety of food trucks, and enjoy a pop-up tea ceremony on the museum's upper portico.

For a full schedule, please visit: <https://www.buffalocherryblossomfestival.org/>.

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# The Blotter

## Felonies

From "D" District

### Armed Confrontation At Hookah Shop

**North Buffalo**  
**April 15, 2024**

Delaware Avenue - Both defendants did enter Target on 4/15/2024 at approximately 1120 hours and did conceal multiple cosmetics and men's wear inside of their purses then did pass all points of purchase without paying. Total merchandise taken totaled \$347.13.

**April 13, 2024**

Amherst Street - On above date, time, and location, arrested did steal without permission \$138.43 worth of goods passing all points of purchase without paying for same.

**April 13, 2024**

Hertel Avenue - Defendant was working as employee at Sahara Hookah Lounge at 1177 Hertel Avenue. Defendant did

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get into a verbal confrontation with victim who was a patron of the establishment and then intentionally pulled up his sweater to display a handgun in his waistband. This did make victim fearful for her life. Officer did respond to the scene and lieutenant did recover a Carl Walther Model PDP Semi-Auto 9mm Luger handgun with serial number from the defendant's waistband. Handgun submitted by officer.

**West Side**  
**April 15, 2024**

Kenmore Avenue - Defendant got into a verbal altercation that turned physical. Defendant did slap a drink out of victim's hands. Defendant then threatened to get aggressive and threatened victim. Officer asked vic-

tim what happened and victim stated situation but then zbecame uncooperative with officers and refused to sign DIR. Body camera has victim admitting situation. Defendant began to actively resist officers, flailing his body and refusing to get into the vehicle multiple times.

**April 14, 2024**

Grant Street - Defendant did enter Dollar General at 315 West Ferry and did steal \$111.00 worth of merchandise and did pass all points of purchase without paying for same. Defendant apprehended near intersection of West Ferry and Hampshire. Positive ID on show up. Appearance ticket issued.

**April 14, 2024**

West Ferry Street - Cashier told officer man left without paying for items. Officer made contact near front door of store. Defendant said he needed money then ran and dropped his phone. Officers at stop light waved down defendant and arrested him. Victim told them what happened.

**April 13, 2024**

Parkdale Avenue - Defendant did threaten to slice complainant's throat while holding a steak knife and also threatened to break her jaw.

**Riverside**

**April 15, 2024**

Philadelphia Street - Victim and defendant and did get into a verbal altercation. As a result, defendant did slash victim's tires with a kitchen knife.

**April 12, 2024**

West Eagle Street - Defendant did enter Kohl's at 2232 Delaware Avenue at approximately 1318 hour and did steal \$330.00 worth of merchandise and did pass all points of purchase. Supporting deposition completed. Appearance ticket issued.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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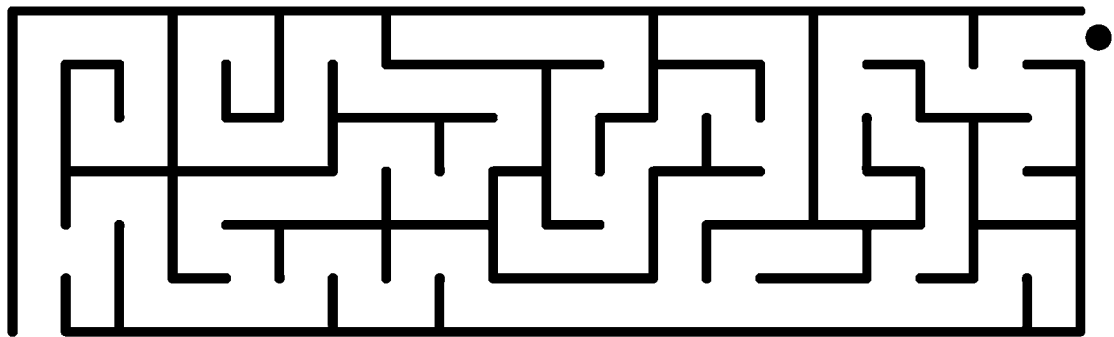
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## Kids' Maze



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## King Crossword

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- 5 Cagers' gp.
- 8 Halt
- 12 Eventful periods
- 13 Cleric's tunic
- 14 Jared of "House of Gucci"
- 15 Persistence
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- 18 Tar
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- 21 Cattle call
- 22 Crystal gazer
- 23 Not "dis"
- 26 Scale abbr.
- 28 Impetus
- 31 Crunchy cookie
- 33 Chef Garten
- 35 Faux pas
- 36 Reddish dye
- 38 PC screen type
- 40 Salty expanse
- 41 Leave an impression?
- 43 Gear tooth
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- 25 Multi-family dwelling
- 27 NBC weekend show
- 29 Compete
- 30 Ecol. watchdog
- 32 Toronto's province
- 34 Emphasizes
- 37 Play segment
- 39 Pixels
- 42 "Monopoly" buy
- 44 Appearance
- 45 Skater Lipinski
- 46 Ellipse
- 48 Word of warning
- 49 Author Bagnold
- 50 Bygone fliers
- 53 Punk-rock subgenre

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## Ask Rusty – Older Husband And Working Wife Seek Guidance

**Dear Rusty:** I am 74 years old, retired and receiving Social Security. My wife will be 65 in January of 2025. Our hope was to start paying off some credit card expense by her receiving SS when she turns 65, however it appears there would be a substantial reduction to her benefits. Her work income is \$37,500 a year, and she wasn't planning on retiring from work at age 65. Because I am 11 years older, we felt it makes sense to use her Social Security as a means to lower our debt. We have \$27,000 in credit card debt, and I don't really want to use my 401(k) funds due to taxes. We pretty much live on my Social Security and pension. Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

**Signed: Seeking Suggestions**

**Dear Seeking:** Your wife's full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is age 67. Because she will not yet have reached her FRA in January 2025 (when she is 65), if she claims SS to start at that time, not only will her monthly amount be reduced, but she will be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test. The earnings test sets a limit for how much can be earned by beneficiaries who claim SS before FRA.

The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320. The limit for next year is not yet published (it's based on changes to the national wage index) but will be a bit higher – likely about \$23,500. Thus, I can't provide the exact impact, but if your wife's

2025 earnings exceed next year's limit, Social Security will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of the amount over the limit). So, if your wife earns \$37,500 per year, that will likely be about \$14,000 over the limit and Social Security will take back half of that (\$7,000). They "take back" by withholding future benefits, or you can repay them in a lump sum. So, you will have a choice – repay Social Security from your other assets, or they will withhold your wife's SS benefits for the number of months needed to offset her penalty for exceeding the earnings limit. The number of months they will withhold depends on how much is owed and what your wife's monthly SS benefit is. For example, if your wife's age-65 SS benefit is about average (\$1,900) and her penalty for exceeding the limit is \$7,000, Social Security would withhold your wife's benefit for 4 months to recover the penalty, but she would receive her full benefit for the remaining 8 months of the year.

Unless your wife tells them in advance that she will exceed the limit, Social Security will find out the following year (after you file your income taxes). But, in any case, your wife cannot avoid the annual earnings test for working before reaching her full retirement age. The earnings test goes away when your wife reaches her FRA of 67. Until that time, if she continues working she will have a choice to have her benefits withheld for a portion of the year, or simply repay Social Security

in a lump sum (in which case her benefits would continue uninterrupted).

FYI, there is a silver lining in this, because if your wife has benefits withheld because she exceeds the earnings limit before her FRA, after she reaches her full retirement age Social Security will give her time credit for the months when benefits were withheld, which will result in her monthly Social Security payment amount increasing somewhat at her full retirement age. Thus, over time, your wife may recover the benefits which were withheld for exceeding the annual earnings limit. But to get 100% of the benefit she's earned from a lifetime of working, and be exempt from Social Security's earnings limit, she would need to wait until she reaches her FRA to claim.

Thank you for submitting your question to our Social Security Advisor department. Be sure to share our link with your family and friends.

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## April Is National "Donate Life" Month

*Continued from page one.* the box "YES" to this life-saving cause compared to 48.8% state-wide. These unprecedented enrollment numbers are something the staff of the Erie County Auto Bureau is very proud of.

I encourage all motorists, 16 and older, to come to any Erie County Auto Bureau office to enroll and add the "Organ Donor" designation to your driver license or non-driver ID. Simply check "YES" and sign the New York State Organ Donation consent on the driver license application or upon registering your vehicle in-person for the first time. When you do, a symbol of a heart and

the words "Organ Donor" will be printed on the front of your new driver license or non-driver identification card at no extra cost. So, when someone asks you: "Do you have a heart?" you can proudly answer: "YES!"

According to Connect Life, 83% of current registrants have done so through their local DMV when applying for or renewing their driver's license, learner's permit, or non-driver ID. To learn more about saving lives through organ, eye, tissue and blood donation or enroll, please contact Connect Life Blood and Organ Donor Network at (716) 529-4300 or go to the Donate Life Registry website at [donatelife.ny.gov](http://donatelife.ny.gov).

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- Plaka Restaurant.....2904 Delaware Avenue
- Price Rite Market.....1716 Kenmore Avenue
- Salon Avanti.....3086 Delaware Avenue
- Salon Coronado.....2870 Delaware Avenue
- Salon D Capelli.....3104 Delaware Avenue
- Scissors.....1497 Hertel Avenue
- Studio Sophia.....1094 Hertel Avenue
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- Theater Apts.....1065 Kenmore Avenue
- Terrie's Workout Center.....1481 Hertel Avenue
- Vince's Pizza.....1803 Kenmore Avenue
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- Timon Towers.....1015 Delaware Avenue
- Trinity Tower Apartments.....33 Linwood Avenue
- West Market.....1032 West Avenue
- West Side Community Center.....Vermont at Fargo

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- AmVets.....25 Review Place
- Black Rock Pharmacy.....431 Tonawanda Street
- Boys & Girls Club.....54 Riverdale Avenue
- Buffalo Wine & Liquors.....2067 Niagara Street
- D District Police Station.....669 Hertel Avenue
- Doyles Deli.....1981 Niagara Street
- Faso Restaurant.....2126 Niagara Street
- Fast Stop Food Mart.....236 Military Road
- First Niagara Bank.....2141 Elmwood Avenue
- First Niagara.....201 Amherst Street
- Hearts Thrift Shop.....890 Tonawanda Street
- House of Sandwich.....800 Tonawanda Street
- M&T Bank.....788 Tonawanda Street
- Niagara Deli Pizzeria.....2043 Niagara Street
- Nickel City Bottle Return.....2209 Niagara Street
- Northwest Buffalo Community Ctr.....155 Lawn Avenue
- Pat's Pizzeria.....544 Ontario Street
- Pizza Bella.....1133 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside Market.....740 Tonawanda Street
- Riverside News Stand.....Tonawanda Street
- Roland Insurance Agency.....432 Amherst Street
- Sun Restaurant.....1989 Niagara Street
- Up To You Deli.....2189 Niagara Street

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- Baptist Manor.....276 Linwood Avenue
- Buffalo Public Library.....Niagara at Porter
- BMHA Housing.....245 Elmwood Avenue
- CWJ Lock & Key.....183 Forest Avenue
- Corner Store.....Forest & Grant
- Delaware Apartments.....1217 Delaware Avenue
- Dibble Hardware.....262 West Ferry Street
- Elmwood Square Apts.....505 Elmwood Avenue
- Fast Stop Food Mart.....326 Military Road
- Frontier Liquor & Beverage Ctr.....121 Grant Street
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# John Vogel



**John A. Vogel, Rest in Peace.**

About forty years ago, a fellow from Rochester, Bob Calabrese, came into our shop on Delaware Avenue in North Buffalo. He was interested in forming a Kiwanis Club in our area. Kiwanis being a service club like Rotary or Lions, with a dedicated theme. Theirs being needy children and seniors. I was the first to join the newly formed North Buffalo Kiwanis club. At the time, to form a club, twenty-five members were required. We soon had the men needed and signed. Again, at the time it was an all-male or-

ganization. The club grew to have over sixty members, mostly well-known people in the community.

I soon became president and within three years, I was elected to Lt. Governor of our Division. The Division consisted of thirteen clubs including the powerful Buffalo club, downtown. 150 members in that club alone. The Division was huge with mostly clubs located in the city or near suburbs. My election to Lt. Governor was a huge responsibility for me, being a relatively new member. The tough part was

that I had to follow a fellow named John Vogel. Who helped me tremendously.

John was a stiff upper lip guy at the time. A downtown banker who belonged to the strongest club in the Division. Always appeared in a three-piece suit and a brush cut. He was known for his banker look. Prim and proper with Kiwanis built into his heart. Perfect attendance always till the end. Participated in almost everything every club did. Especially golf. John was one of the most well-known Kiwanian. And I had to follow him?

He became my mentor in my new position in the district and needless to say we became good friends. I did become involved in Kiwanis but not to the extent of Mr. Kiwanian, John Vogel. He was the epitome of what a Kiwanis member should do. Tried to attend every function any club had, and there were many. Especially golf tournaments sponsored by whatever club and wherever. So many times my phone would ring and I would hear, "Hello David, want to play some golf? Orchard Park has a golf tournament."

One of the many accomplishments of this man was his dedication to our Districts, Kamp Kiwanis. Each year we were able to send between thirty and fifty challenged kids to a summer camp for a week. Not only to give the kids a break but also the parents. John ran the Kamp for years. The organization and fundraising is quite a chore. There had to be a paid counselor for every three kids. Plus, the cost of the camp and feeding, and all that goes into it. Costly project but John saw that the funds needed were always there every year. At the camp visiting day lunch, the Kiwanians had a special table that we all sat at. John

would choose to sit with the kids.

John passed away recently and I lost another good friend. Donna, his wife, and my wife also became good friends. We spent a lot of time together both here and in Florida. Lots of golf. One of the downsides of growing old is seeing the passing of so many good people. Hard to accept but it is what it is. John would pick up a copy of the Rocket every week after church and read my column. Lost another reader!

I will miss our golf games

on the good old Shawnee golf course. If there is Heaven, I hope there are good golf courses so we can play another couple of rounds. Peace be with you, good friend.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com

## Senior TRIVIA

### Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) Which dramatic film features the character "V"?
2. Luzon belongs to which island nation?
- 3) What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?
- 4) Which state has the most national parks?
- 5) Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."

Last Answers: 1. Spain. 2. A flamboyance. 3. Amity Island. 4. Santa Fe, New Mexico. 5. In the brain. It connects the two hemispheres of the brain. 6. Maurice Sendak. 7. "Happy Days." 8. 12. 9. Jupiter. 10. Richard Nixon.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Spoon is missing, 2. Box is different, 3. Collar is missing, 4. Mouth is different, 5. Refrigerator handle is not as long, 6. Oven handle is missing.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: A FAST MARCHING PACE

Arrival	Four-four	Prime	Standard
Central	Hawaii	Reaction	Travel
Daylight saving	Mountain	Show	Universal
Eastern	Pacific	Small	

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Answers on page seven.

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## LEGAL

### REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF ERIE

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff - against - THOMAS J. SERRA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 8, 2024. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Closing Room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street, 1st Floor, Buffalo, New York on the 16th day of May, 2024 at 10:00 AM. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Holland, County of Erie and State of New York. Premises known as 9621 Savage Road, Holland, NY 14080.

(Section: 262, Block: 1, Lot: 16)

Approximate amount of lien \$218,598.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 817317/2018. Jennifer A. Runfola, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, NY 10170

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 Dated: March 5, 2024

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 814019/2020 COUNTY OF ERIE

NATION-STAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, -against- KEITH A. NEELY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY; MILDRED E. NEELY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MARK F. NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HERS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MILLIE NEELY AKA MILDRED E. NEELY, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives,

widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE BANK USA, N.A.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE" (NAME UNKNOWN); THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Defendants. Plaintiff designates ERIE as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 185 SMITH STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14210 Section: 122.51, Block: 3, Lot: 36

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$18,000.00 and interest, recorded on December 30, 2003, in Liber 13136 at Page 2478, of the Public Records of ERIE County, New York., covering premises known as 185 SMITH STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14210. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. ERIE County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: March 14th, 2024 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Oluwatobi Adedokun Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite

310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675 16

Name of LLC: (Double O Holdings LLC) Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State: (February 21, 2024). Office of the LLC: (25 Old Lyme Drive, Unit 4, Buffalo, NY 14221), Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the LLC at (25 Old Lyme Drive, Unit 4, Buffalo, NY 14221). Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful activity). No specific duration attached to LLC 16

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): DEL Associates XXIII, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on December 21, 2023. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to Shaun Jackson, Esq., 570 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity 17

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Notice of Formation of AMERICAN MADE HAULING, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07-18-2023. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 30 Grace St., Buffalo, NY 14207. Any lawful purpose. 19

Notice of Formation of Eve Holberg Planning LLC, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on March 19, 2024. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 71 Norwalk Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216. Any lawful purpose. 21

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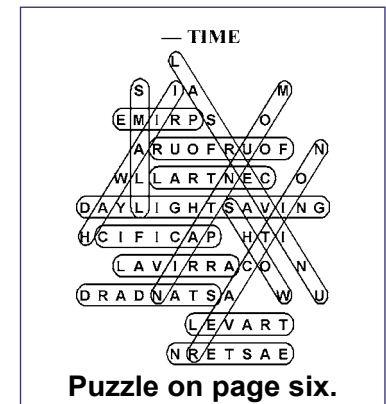
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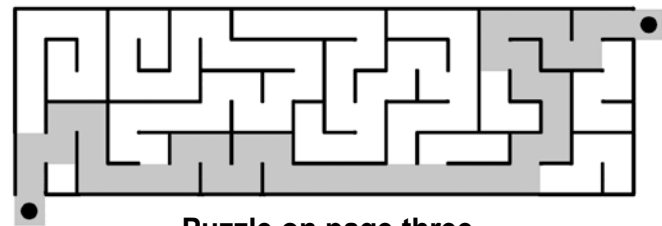
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## Kids' Maze Solution



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## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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8	3	1	9	7	5	4	6	2
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